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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10753083 in the amount of \$290.00 has been denied.

This fee was due because claim 11 is a multiple claim because of the wording. It says any of the preceding claims.

Sincerely,

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Technical Center Others  
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Practitioner's Docket No. 03100195AA

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

- ☒ In re application of: K. Schaefer  
 Application No.: 10 / 753,083 Group No.: 1733  
 Filed: 1/8/04 Examiner: unknown  
 For: Process and Apparatus for Producing Veneer Strips, Chipped Wood ...  
☐ Patent\*: Issued:

\*NOTE: Insert name(s) of inventor(s) and title also for patent. Where request is with respect to a maintenance fee payment also insert application number and filing date and add Box M. Fee to address.

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance

**REQUEST FOR REFUND  
 (IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)**

**I. REFUND REQUEST**

This is a request for a refund, with respect to the charge to Deposit Account  
50-2041, shown on the statement dated 8/31/04, for the  
 above-identified

- ☒ application.  
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- ☒ A copy of the monthly statement, in which the error referred to occurs, accompanies this request.

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☒ Other multiple dependent claim fee

\$290.00

TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED

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**III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR**

A Preliminary Amendment was originally filed with the application in which the multiple dependent claims were amended to depend from a single claim.

When the undersigned received the Notice to File Missing Parts and the indication to pay for multiple dependent claims, the Preliminary Amendment was filed again in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims. Therefore, there are no multiple dependent claims appearing in the application. This was a PTO error.

**IV. MANNER OF REFUND**

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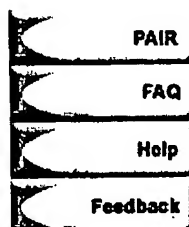
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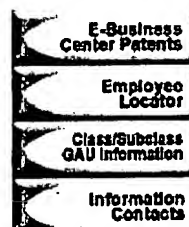
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05-14-2004	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)
05-14-2004	Preliminary Amendment
01-08-2004	Reference capture on IDS
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05-26-2004	Application Return from OIPE
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05-14-2004	Payment of additional filing fee/Preexam

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05-14-2004	A statement by one or more inventors satisfying the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 115, Oath of the Applicant
04-14-2004	Notice Mailed—Application Incomplete—Filing Date Assigned
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